Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Nursing and Health Policy Collaborative at UNM

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AIMS

- Prepares a new generation of nursing leaders to take their place among policy makers as we meet our nation's health care challenges.
- Focuses on nurses from underrepresented populations-- Hispanic/Latino and Native American—who are committed to improving health policy for these and other minority groups.
- Seeks to broaden our collaboration to the communities we serve and to experts in a wide range of disciplines.
- The Nursing Collaborative calls New Mexico home and is committed to addressing the health policy concerns locally and statewide. We do so with awareness that our issues are shared across American, and our ideas, information and solutions are relevant nationwide.

MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH

- As leaders in health policy, nurses work with other clinical and social science experts in health care research and policy.
- This includes rigorous academic and real world clinical experience that creates a deep understanding of the factors that shape and influence health policy decisions.
- To ensure equity across NM communities as we implement health care reform, nurses need solid grounding in the disciplines that lead to innovative research through evaluation
- Nurses have as much to give as they do to gain by engaging in and contributing to multi-disciplinary research in health policy that transverses the range of clinical and academic research and real world social policy.

NURSING & HEALTH POLICY FELLOWS – FOCUS AREAS

- Access to care-rural NM and community health
- Childhood obesity prevention
- American Indian/Alaskan Native
  - Tobacco prevention
  - Indian Health Service leadership
  - Youth health promotion
- Women's health
- Mental health
- Quality improvement and safety promotion-acute care settings

PhD IN NURSING/HEALTH POLICY CONCENTRATION: Admissions – Sprint 2011

- 9 applicants admitted to CON PhD in Nursing Program
  - 4 new RWJF nursing health policy fellows
  - 2 additional doctoral students in health policy concentration
  - 3 in PhD in Nursing (focusing on nursing clinical research)

PRIORITIES

- Minority student recruitment and retention
- Health policy, tenure track faculty recruitment
- Enhance collaborations (academic & programmatic)
- External funding to support mentoring for students and faculty
- Faculty research grants
- New Mexico nursing workforce research (What do we need to meet challenges of health care reform?

HEALTH POLICY CONCENTRATION PLAN OF STUDY

The curriculum consists of a core of doctoral courses on philosophy of science, theory, statistics, and research design. Students additionally choose from a selection of research methods courses, substantive area courses, and electives. Students will also participate in activities at Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center at University of New Mexico and other health policy events.

Health Policy Concentration

N 640 Evidence, Health Policy & Politics
N 641 Health Disparities & Policy
N 593 Applied Health Economics
N 648 Intro to Heath Policy Field Placement
N 649 Health Policy Field Placement
Health Policy Electives - 6 Credits

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 10 RWJF funded students in health policy concentration for Nursing PhD Program; 2 pursuing health policy concentration part time (without funding)
- Recruitment of health policy tenure track faculty (in process)
- Innovative communications/PR strategies (in process)
- Development of health policy concentration including:
  - Two health policy courses
  - Interdisciplinary Applied Health Economic Course
    - (Nursing, Pharmacy, Family & Community Medicine, Public Health)
    - Summer 2010; Spring 2001
- Required health policy field placement (3 credit)
- Health policy electives

GOING FORWARD…

With evidence based health policy analysis and research based on clinical expertise, UNM CON nurses hold the potential to **"lead the way**" in making vast improvements in the health care system.

Join us as we embark on this exciting journey

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